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**PRESENT SOVIET POLICY IN EUROPE**

- I. Soviet strategy is to hold fast and to promote erosion of Western position.
  - A. Primary Soviet objective at Summit was to counter US successes in Europe, such as:
    1. Functioning mutual defense system - NATO.
    2. Revitalized Germany allied to West.
- II. Stalin's heirs prepared to take certain steps.
  - A. Withdrawal from Austria.
  - B. Humiliating reconciliation with Tito.
  - C. Withdrawal from foreign military bases (Porkkala and Port Arthur).
  - D. Reduction of armed forces by 640,000.
    1. Appears military personnel to be

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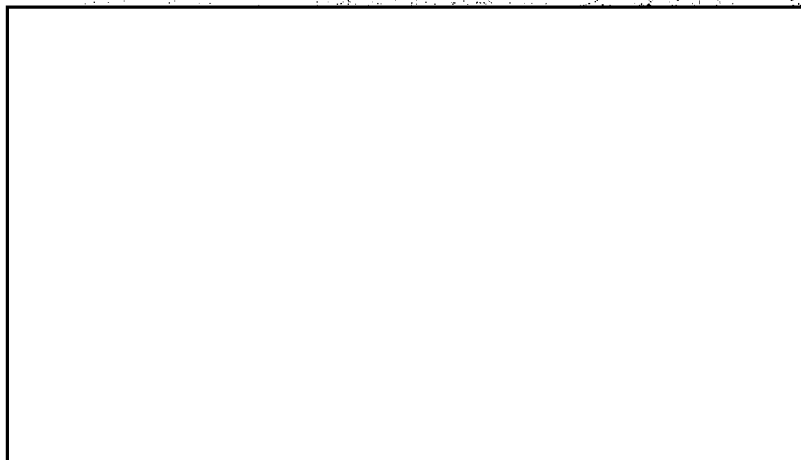
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E. Evident willingness to calm Far East  
for the moment.

III. Soviet price for German unity is still  
break-up of Western alliance.

A. Since the Summit--and culminating in  
Molotov's 8 November blast at Geneva--  
Communist leaders have made it perfect-  
ly clear they intend to stand pat on  
Germany.



IV. First results of Soviet application of  
Geneva spirit to Europe are evident:

A. Some faster erosion of NATO, both in  
hard military strength and in sharp  
questioning of very nature and future  
of alliance.

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- B. Growing pressure by US allies to accept Communist China into family of nations.
- C. Determination to reduce strategic trade controls.

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